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如何なる
理由で結婚
するのか
？

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幸せをかみしめる一方、
千和の周りで
不穏な
事故が多発。

彼女を狙った
犯行だと知った北斗は
周囲の調査を始めるが…。

北斗の転職を機に
すれ違う2人だったが、
お互いを理解し合うことで
夫婦の絆は
より強固なものになった。

千和を襲った
黒幕は一体!?

最終章に向けて
ますます盛り上がる！

こんなのアリ!?
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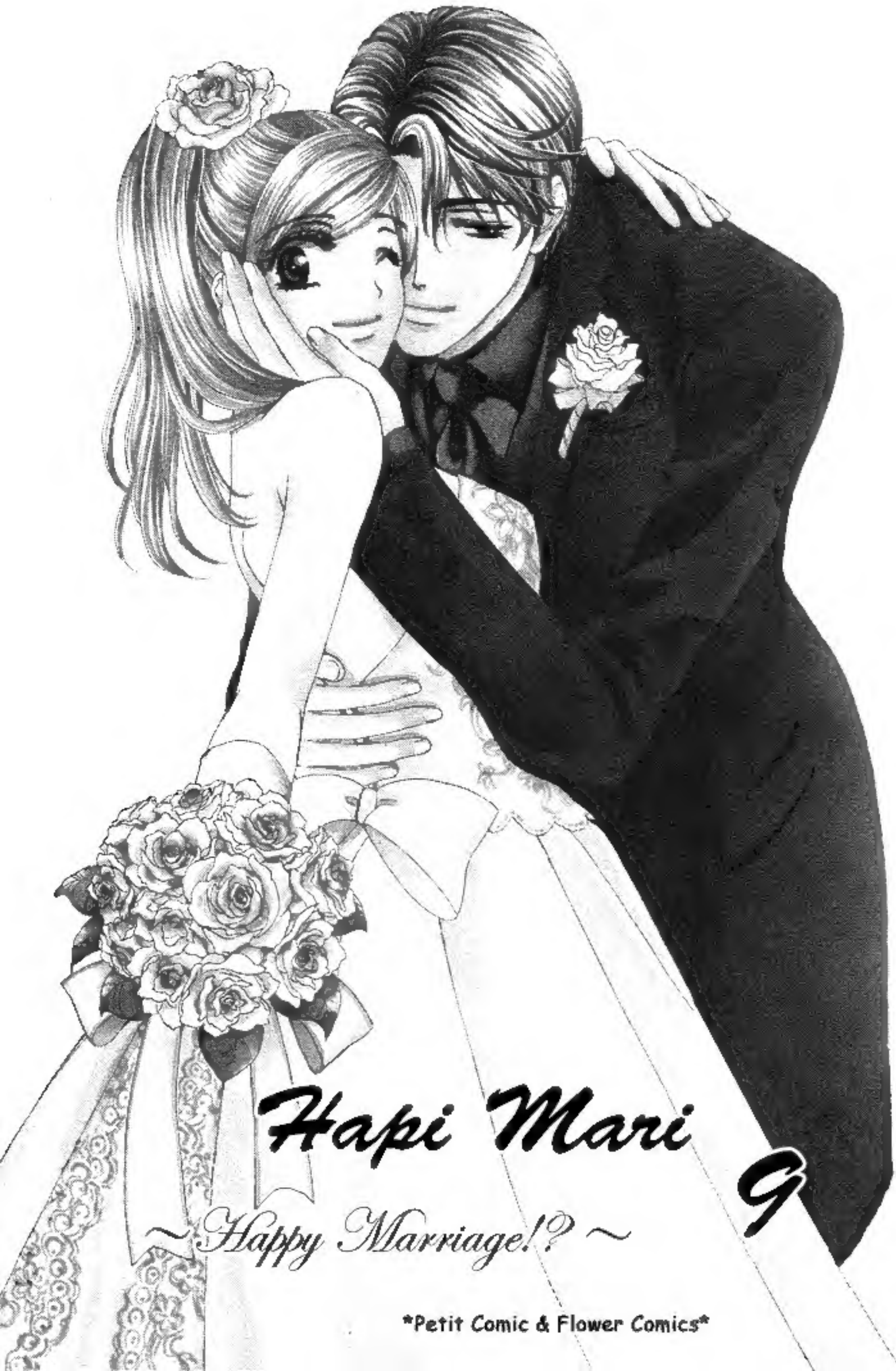

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CHARACTER

SHITARA MISAKI

OWNER OF A FAMOUS BRAND. SEEMS TO HAVE SOME SORT OF RELATIONSHIP WITH HOKUTO..?

ASAHINA KANAME

CHIWA'S UNIVERSITY SENPAI AND CURRENT BOSS AT THE COMPANY.

STORY

Chiwa's motto: "I absolutely do not dream of men! I will live a steady life!" ... or at least it was. But her circumstances were completely overturned when she married the president of her company, Hokuto, because she had to pay off a debt her father left her. Even though it was a contract marriage, Chiwa fell in love with Hokuto. They even finally had sex for the first time and "became real husband and wife." Their life together is happy, albeit a little stormy due to Hokuto's change of jobs. But then strange accidents start happening all around Chiwa. She realizes they are attacks aimed at her and she makes steps to capture the assailant on her own, but..?

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33rd Step Am I on my own from now on, too?

There are such things as taxis, you know.

I'M FINE!

WILL YOU BE ALL RIGHT?

ASAHINA-SAN, YOU'LL BE IN TROUBLE IF YOU DON'T GET BACK TO WORK.

WELL, EVEN IF YOU SAY THAT...

SHOULDN'T I SEE YOU OFF HOME?!

THAT PRESIDENT APPOINTED ME YOUR GUARD, SO...

After the incident with the stalker the other day,

Asahina-san follows me the whole time I'm at work.

He's such a nice guy, after all, this one.

IT'S JUST TOO LATE TO BACK OUT OF THIS.

DID HE SEIZE SOME WEAKNESS OF YOURS?

IF I FAIL, I'LL ABSOLUTELY CERTAINLY WILL BE MURDERED...!

Ahhh!

I'm causing him so much trouble...

AH! EHM...

IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME NOW.

ACTUALLY, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME THAT I WANTED TO TELL YOU ABOUT.

IT'S ABOUT THAT INCIDENT.

...

I'VE SPOKEN BEFORE, A LITTLE, WITH THAT PRESIDENT SHITARA, FROM MICHELE HEARTS.

SHE SENT THE INFORMATION ABOUT YOU ESPECIALLY TO ME.

SHE TRIED TO INSTIGATE SOMETHING BACK THEN...

I WONDER IF SHE'S INVOLVED THIS TIME, TOO?

SHE SEEMS TO HATE YOU HORRIBLY, OR SO I FELT.

?

BUT WHY DOES SHE HATE YOU SO MUCH IN THE FIRST PLACE?

AH?

WELL, I MAY JUST BE THINKING TOO MUCH INTO THINGS,

BUT CONSIDER IT AS ONE POSSIBILITY, ALL RIGHT?

LOOKS LIKE SHE IS MY HUSBAND'S... HOKUTO'S EX-GIRLFRIEND.

A-ABOUT THAT...

SHE PROBABLY HAS A LOT OF DIFFERENT FEELINGS ABOUT OUR MARRIAGE.

...

... I UNDERSTAND...

AH...

Self-conscious of the same.

SO THAT'S HOW IT WAS...

AH..!

SHE SEEMS TO THINK I'M NOT SUITABLE FOR HOKUTO.

I WISH THIS IS RESOLVED QUICKLY...

THANK YOU.

ANYWAY, I GOT IT.

AND DON'T TRY TO DO ANYTHING ON YOUR OWN, IF SOMETHING HAPPENS.

WELL, JUST BE CAREFUL!

TALK IT OVER WITH YOUR HUSBAND FIRST.

...I can't talk to Hokuto, after all.

BOW

I'm grateful for your feelings, Asahina-san, but...

Before that happens, I must...

Open

...any way I tell him about it, he'll feel responsible for all this.

I don't know what she meant to Hokuto, but...

Welcome home!

YOU'RE ALL RIGHT

SERIOUS

TODAY TOO

AND I KEEP GOING SHOPPING TO THE UNAVOIDABLE MINIMUM

He has black circles under his eyes.

DON'T I WRITE YOU MAILS WHEN I GET HOME?

I THOUGHT THERE PROBABLY IS SOME CONNECTION WITH THE MAMIYA FAMILY.

I'M INVESTI-GATING THAT, BUT QUIETLY

BUT THIS HAS NOT BEEN SOLVED

ALTHOUGH IT WILL TAKE MORE TIME—

LOOK HERE!

YOU ONLY HAVE ONE YEAR TO MAKE THAT WORK!

NOW'S NO TIME FOR SUCH THINGS!

BESIDES, THE POLICE WON'T MOVE UNLESS SOMETHING MORE HAP-PENS, RIGHT?

WE'VE DONE WHAT WE CAN TO PREVENT INCIDENTS.

What do you mean, no time?

WELL... THAT'S SO, BUT.

MAYBE .

IT'S BEST FOR US NOT TO DO ANY-THING AND WAIT FOR THE ENEMY TO MAKE A MIS-TAKE

YOUR LOGIC IS RIGHT, EVEN IF COMING FROM YOU.

WELL...

BUT I THINK THERE'S NOTHING MORE WE CAN DO NOW.

I THINK IT'S TOO LATE TO DO ANYTHING AFTER AN INCIDENT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED

THAT'S WHY.

IF THEY WANT A WAR, A WAR THEY'LL HAVE!

And I'll win!

Please don't...

BUT.

I'M NOT SATISFIED WITH THAT.

...about not getting in his way and everything!

And right after I said that big stuff...

Then what do we do?!

Argh, with that and the work Hokuto will collapse!

He suspects the Mamiya family...

His attention is pointed that way.

Fortunately (?) Hokuto hasn't arrived at the conclusion it could be her

Yes...

Excuse me, but do you have an ap-po.ntment?

N-NO.

BUT! SHE'LL UNDERSTAND IF YOU ONLY TOLD HER I'M MAMIYA FROM I-MAX

If this goes on...

...Hokuto will keep on exerting unneces-sary force for nothing.

That's right.

It's very hard to start feeling suspi-cious towards someone you've once loved.

President

WHAT?

There's a phone call for you, pres.-dent, but...

You want...

Shitara?

But...

...isn't this all the more reason for me to make a move now?

MAMIYA FROM I-MAX

It's from someone ca...ng her-se.f Mam.ya from I Max...

What would you like me to tell her?

ALL RIGHT, CONNECT HER.

Click

I-I can't believe...

...she chose her own home for our meeting...

I came here with no idea what to do.

These are all just my suspicions. Of course, I have no proof or anything.

They may be just false accusations.

I'll solve my suspicions on my own.

Please come up.

For my sake and for Hokuto's.

BEEP!

BEEP!

Thump thump

Yes?

AH, EHM! I'M MAMIYA... CHIWA

I UNDER-STAND WHAT YOU SAID, BUT...

..

DO YOU HAVE ANY PROOF?

AH... NO...

SMILE

WHY DO YOU IMAGINE THIS IS ANY OF MY DOING?

I DON'T HAVE PROOF, BUT...

AH, EHM.

THAT'S WHY I—

YOU THINK I'M BETTER OFF GONE, DON'T YOU, SHITARA-SAN?

RIDICULOUS!

Ahh.

AND HERE I WAS, WONDERING WHAT YOU WANTED TO TALK TO ME ABOUT SO URGENTLY.

WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR?!

I knew it, I'm no good in such situations. I can't handle this well.

IT'S TRUE THAT I DON'T LIKE YOU,

BUT AFTER SUCH FALSE ACCUSATIONS, I COULD SUE YOU FOR SLANDER, YOU KNOW?

Ding Dong

What do I do?

I was too rash, wasn't I?

I SWEAR.

AH!

WELL, I FEEL PITY FOR HIM, SO I WON'T SUE, BUT ANYWAY.

WHAT A WASTE OF TIME THIS WAS

NOW PLEASE, LEAVE.

YES?

WHO COULD THIS BE, AT SUCH AN HOUR?

?

It's me.

Also,

because I think my wife is there

This voice...

WHAT DO YOU WANT?

Why?!

I asked at your office and they told me you went home to meet with someone.

Hokuto...

ALL RIGHT..

COME UP

Why..?

N-NOKUTO!

GRENN

HOW DID YOU KNOW I WAS HERE?

I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU A WORD--

I WANT AN EXPLANATION

YOU ..

. TOLD ASAHINA ABOUT OUR CONTRACT MARRIAGE ON PURPOSE.

YOU INSTIGATED EVERYTHING.

Asahina-san?!

YES ..

HE TOLD YOU, DIDN'T HE?

SO, YOU SUSPECT ME, TOO?

YOUR ACTIONS WERE STRANGE

YOU TOOK THE TROUBLE TO RESEARCH MY PERSONAL HISTORY WITH CHIWA.

SHE COULDN'T TALK TO ME ABOUT IT.

SHE THOUGH IT WOULD HURT ME.

I DON'T KNOW THE REASON FOR THAT BUT THERE'S NO OTHER MOTIVATION THAT I CAN SEE IN YOUR BEHAVIOR

YOU WANT TO KNOW WHY I'M AFRAID FROM ME

I DON'T WANT TO THINK YOU WERE THAT KIND OF WOMAN, BUT THERE ARE QUITE TOO MANY REASONS TO SUSPECT YOU

SO WHY DON'T YOU

WHAT'S A--

AND SO WHAT?

IT'S NOTHING TO HELP YOU--

WHAT WERE YOU THINK-ING...?

IF IT'S ABOUT OUR BREAKUP,

WHY ALL OF A SUDDEN —

DON'T JUMP TO CONCLUSIONS!

THAT'S WHAT I HATE ABOUT YOU!

NOW YOU'VE EVEN LEFT WORK. !

YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO SUCH A PLACE JUST FOR THE SAKE OF SOME WOMAN!

WHY DID YOU BECOME LIKE THIS?!

IF ONLY SHE WERE GONE...

YOU WOULD...

...STILL BE THE "YOU" THAT I KNOW.

...MAR-- RIAGE?

WILL YOU ACCEPT THIS?

YES. WITH A WOMAN I'VE NEVER EVEN MET, THOUGH.

IT'S THE OLD MAN'S LUNACY. HE SAID HE'D FIRE ME FROM THE PRESI-DENT'S PLACE IF I REFUSED.

WHAT DOES HE THINK OTHER PEOPLE'S LIVES ARE?

OF COURSE

I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF WOMAN SHE IS, BUT..

...IF I JUST GIVE HER ENOUGH MONEY, SHE WON'T BE A PROBLEM.

THAT'S NOT A GOOD HUSBAND, THAT'S A CONVENIENT HUSBAND

MAYBE.

I DON'T WANT TO MAKE UN-NECESSARY CHINKS IN MY ARMOR BY CHEATING ON HER, TOO.

I CAN BECOME AS MUCH OF A MODEL HUSBAND AS THEY WANT ME TO.

BUT, YES..

THEN WE HAVE TO END THIS, RIGHT?

I BELIEVED YOU!

I DID.

IF ONLY YOU'D STAYED THE WAY YOU WERE BACK THEN!

BUT NO, AFTER YOU MARRIED THIS WOMAN, YOU...

YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT YOU'RE YOU.

YOU'LL EVENTUALLY GET TO THE FACTS YOU WANT TO KNOW.

DON'T DENY...

GO BACK TO THE WAY YOU USED TO BE!

...EVERYTHING I WAS, AND DID, BACK THEN!

THEN WHY DID YOU BREAK UP?!

YOU LOVED HIM AS MUCH AS I DO.

WHAT?

IF YOU HAD NOT BROKEN UP, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO MARRY HOKUTO, BUT...

BUT EVEN SO, WHY DID YOU BREAK UP WITH HIM?

WHAT ..

...ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?

THE ROAD OPENED IN FRONT OF HOKUTO EXACTLY BECAUSE I STEPPED BACK.

ALTHOUGH THAT INVOLUNTARILY MEANT SAVING YOU, TOO.

DON'T YOU SEE?

NO.

WE'RE THE SAME.

SO DO NOT...

...PUT ME IN THE SAME CATEGORY AS YOU.

I WAS THE ONE WHO UNDER-STOOD HIM THE BEST.

UNLIKE YOU

THAT'S WHY I DIDN'T WANT TO BE THE REASON HE LOST.

AND I DIDN'T BECOME IT.

SLAP

ARE YOU...

!

AH...

...SATISFIED NOW?

IT'S FINE

JUST A NAIL THAT GRAZED ME.

HOKUTO, BLOOD !

LET ME TELL YOU ONE THING

I HAD NO OTHER CHOICE

SHE IS NOT INVOLVED IN ANY OF THIS.

I UNDER-STAND YOU

IF YOU WANT TO HURT SOMEONE, HURT ME

!!

I HATED THAT WAY OF BREAK-ING UP.

THAT'S WHY "I" BROKE THINGS OFF.

IF YOU WANT TO CALL THE POLICE,

PLEASE.

I HAVE NO INTENTION OF RUNNING OR HIDING

I ALREADY KNEW, ANYWAY

EVEN IF I ELIMINATED HER, YOU WOULD NOT GO BACK TO THE WAY YOU USED TO BE

Shitara-san is...

...another me.

SNAP

Eh?

HOKUTO, WAIT A MINUTE!

HERE.

WHAT?

BEND A LITTLE.

STICK

YOU COULDN'T GO BACK TO THE COM-PANY LIKE THAT, RIGHT?

I DON'T HAVE ANOTHER ONE ON ME NOW.

BUT THIS ISN'T —

..!

WHAT DID YOU JUST PASTE ON ME?!

Waah, you're horrible.

HEY, AT WHAT TIME WILL YOU BE HOME TONIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW.

I'LL BUY MYSELF ANOTHER ONE IT'S JUST A BANDAGE.

Dump

I CAN'T GO AROUND WITH THIS!

AHHH!

WHATEVER

WOULD YOU LIKE BEER OR NOT?

ANYTHING

I'LL MAKE YOU SOMETHING WHAT DO YOU WANT?

EH, WELL, OUR COMPANIES ARE IN THE SAME DIRECTION.

YOUR WORK DAY IS ALREADY OVER. GO HOME.

BUT—

WHY ARE YOU FOLLOWING ME?

HO . HOKUTO

Hokuto I will!!

AH...

if I left him alone like this...

It's just that...

... BOTHER ...

TODAY WAS THE FIRST TIME I SAW HER TEARS.

I NEVER THOUGHT THERE EVEN WAS SOME-THING..

...THAT SHE WOULD WEEP ABOUT

IN THE END, IT TURNS OUT I DIDN'T UNDER-STAND HER.

AND I DIDN'T EVEN TRY TO UNDERSTAND HER. JUST ME.

THAT'S ALL.

I ..

I MAY BE BOTHERSOME AND NEVER SENSE YOUR MOODS...

I'M SORRY
I'S NOT
EASY WITH
ME

BUT
EVEN SO I
WANT TO BE
WITH YOU
ANYWAY

I THINK YOU'RE A
PRETTY BOTHER-
SOME MAN YOUR-
SELF ANYWAY

BESIDES

HEY, YOU! THIS IS NOT THE SITUATION TO BE SAYING THAT SORT OF THING!

AH! AH! I'M SORRY! IT KIND OF SLIPPED OUT

On the tour of the museum

HAVE SOME TACT!

I SEE

A BOTHER-SOME YOU

IS A PERFECT MATCH FOR A BOTHERSOME ME, EH?

EH? AH... EHM...?

OH, WELL.

I'M GOING TO BUY A BANDAGE COME ON

AH! WAIT FOR ME!

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SATIS-FIED?
ARE YOU
Wah!
DRIPPING
ECK!

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CAT FIGHT!!! CAT FIGHT!!! *gets a bowl full of popcorn and settles in the couch to watch*

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34th Step

Is there "someone"
in our future?

SHAKE

Today is Christmas Eve.

BUT.

SHAKE

SHAKE

Good afternoon, Fu Chihua.

SHAKE

For some reason, Fu is at the port.

I was sure it'd be some hotel... I don't understand.

COME TO THE DESIGNATED PLACE LATER

BRING LUGGAGE FOR ONE NIGHT OUT AND A DRESS

This year Christmas and Christmas eve fall on a weekend.

YOU SHOULD HAVE GIVEN ME A CALL WHEN YOU ARRIVED

I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN YOU ON BOARD EARLIER

Anyway there are only couples and families here.

Why are they laughing so happily at a place like this? It's so odd!

CHIHAYA

ON BOARD ?

THIS IS A PASSENGER BOAT..?

YES

MY MAMIYA TOURISM'S MAIN EVENT,

THE CHRISTMAS CRUISE.

Christmas Cruise?!

Despair

Chiwa! Let's go there!

I want to play that game there! Come on! Come on!

On top of that, I have to take care that this kid doesn't get lost.

His parents are old acquaintances of Hokuto. The man is a company director and a connection with him may become a plus for Mamiya Tourism, or so Hokuto said...

All right... All right, I get it.

Hokuto's goal is to inspect the cruise. I'm just extra luggage...

CHIWA, COME ON!

WHAT DO I DO NOW...?

...

CHIWA. ARE YOU HURT?

DO YOU HATE PLAYING WITH ME?

SHALL WE GO PLAY NOW?

Well, there's no helping it.

NO SUCH THING.

I'M SORRY, SOUTA-KUN

clap

clap

clap

I GOT IT, SOU-CHAN!

WELL DONE, CHIWA!

Anyone else with a bingo?

We already have a guest with a bingo!

It's a chance, so let's enjoy it!

NO LET'S GO EAT CAKE! THERE WERE SOME FUNNY ONES!

LET'S GO THERE NEXT!

MAMIYA-SAN

NO

WE'RE JUST WORRIED THAT HE MIGHT BE TOO HELPFUL OR DISOBEDIENT

WE'RE GLAD HE'S GETTING SO ATTACHED TO YOUR WIFE

SUOU-SAN

IS SOUTA CAUSING YOU ANY INCONVENIENCES?

IT'S AS YOU SEE...

YEAH...

THAT WAS THE LAST ONE, TOO!

WELL, TOO LATE NOW. LET'S SHARE THIS ONE.

AH! I WAS GOING TO EAT THAT CAKE!

Do you have more?

SPEAKING OF WILL- FUL...

Thud

KYAH!

COME ON, CHIWA, SLICE THIS CAKE IN TWO.

Waaah!

I DON'T HAVE TO

IT'S HER FAULT FOR STANDING THERE LIKE A POLE.

WAIT A MINUTE, WON'T YOU APOLOGIZE FIRST?!

YOU KNOCKED HER DOWN, SOU-CHAN.

Waaah!

AND I'M TAKING THE PRIZE FROM THE BINGO, TOO!

THE CAKES ARE CONFISCATED UNTIL YOU APOLOGIZE!

ACK! WHAT'S THAT FOR?!

APOLOGIZE!

HE'S LIKE THAT.

MA--MAMIYA-SAN, WE DON'T MIND!

I'LL GO HAVE A WORD WITH HER.

THAT WOMAN ...

Cake..

I THINK YOUR WIFE WAS RIGHT

I SEE ..

I'm embarrassed as a mother

WHAT'S THIS?!

All right!

I'M SORRY..

I THINK SHE WAS RIGHT..

I THOUGHT SO, UNTIL JUST NOW

OOPS, YOU FOUND ME OUT?

AND YOU CALL YOURSELF AN ADULT?!

Hehehehe

Waaaah!

WHY IS MY CAKE GONE?!

UNLOCK

I REALLY WONDER ABOUT THAT—

Sigh

IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT TO SLEEP OVER?

YEAH

THEN NO CRYING THAT YOU PREFER YOUR MAMA AND PAPA'S CABIN

I WON'T CRY!

HEY.

WHY IS THAT OLD MAN GOING IN THE ROOM WITH US?

Damned brat...

EH, REALLY?

T-THAT'S NOT AN OLD MAN,

HE IS MY HUSBAND

Damn, if only it weren't for work...

SOUTA-KUN, IT'S LATE ALREADY,

SO YOU MUST GO TO BED FOR TO-NIGHT

NO!

HMPF.

STARE

STARE

STARE

LET'S PLAY HORSIE!

I KNOW! OLD MAN!

Eh

I'M NOT SLEEPY YET!

LET'S PLAY MORE!

As if in.

PAPA DOESN'T WANT TO DO IT ANYMORE!

Says his back hurts.

H-Horsie...

Smile

OF COURSE I'LL DO IT.

THIS OLD MAN IS STILL YOUNG, AFTER ALL.

En.

S-SOU-CHAN, I'LL DO IT

EH! YOU'RE TOO TINY, CHIWA.

ALL RIGHT

BUT —

CHIWA GO TO THE BATHROOM.

It's Horsie, you know?

HOKUTO, IT'S BETTER NOT TO PUSH YOURSELF...

Hokuto!

The things you do for work!

Spring higher!

I'll work hard, too!

UNDERSTAND? ABSOLUTELY DO NOT.

YES .. SIR..

AND DO NOT PEEK INTO THE ROOM ON ANY PRETEXT.

Asleep

JUST A KID, AFTER ALL. MAKE IT USE ITS STAMINA AND IT FALLS ASLEEP

Huff huff

NO, I TOLD YOU, IT'S BE-CAUSE OF THE HOT BATH.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

I THINK HE'S CUTE

HE EXPRESSES THAT HE LOVES ME VERY MUCH WITH HIS WHOLE BODY

DO YOU.. HATE CHILDREN?

IF IT'S LIKE THIS, IT'S HARD NOT TO!

JUST HOW MUCH DO THEY SPOIL HIM USUALLY?!

DAMN, WHAT AN EGOISTIC BRAT.

HMDF

BLUSH

NOT YOU TOO ..

YOU GET CALLED AN "OLD MAN" EXACTLY BE-CAUSE YOU SAY SUCH THINGS!

I THINK I EXPRESS THAT, TOO.

ONLY IN BED, THOUGH

WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?

SINCE THAT KID IS SO STUCK ON YOU, THERE WAS NO CHOICE

But...

IT WAS YOU WHO DECIDED ON THIS, HOKUTO.

WELL, DUE TO UNFORESEEABLE CIRCUMSTANCES,

LOOKS LIKE THERE'LL BE NO EXPRESSING TONIGHT.

"One day, we will..."

I recall what he said, once.

It's a pity we can't do "THAT," but...

...I think it's worth sharing our space "THREE" ways.

Would Hokuto get mad at me if I said that?

I wonder what exactly Hokuto wants to do about this.

IS THERE SOME-THING ON MY FACE?

AH, NO.

WELL THEN.

SIGH

YOU ALREADY WENT AND HAD A BATH WITH THAT KID

SO NOTHING ELSE TO DO BUT...

TAKE A BATH AND GO TO BED MYSELF...

T-that sounded awfully full of regret.

Not the time to bring up having children

We're scheduled to enter port at about 10 o'clock.

So we'll all disembark at about 10:30.

Hn...

UNCLE.

I went to bed too early, so I'm awake at such an hour.

IT'S BE-CAUSE YOU'RE NOISY, UNCLE.

AND I WAS COLD.

WHY ARE YOU UP SO EARLY? GO TO SLEEP.

ARE YOU BY ANY CHANCE SULKING?

Because you couldn't sleep with Chiwa.

COLD?

THE AIR CONDI-TIONER IS ON AND IT WAS WARM ENOUGH WITH CHIWA

Sit

SORRY.

..!

I UNDER-STAND THAT.

PAPA AND MAMA BULLIED YOU INTO TAKING ME.

MAYBE MY BODY IS NOT AS STRONG AS THOSE OF OTHER CHIL-DREN, BUT ..

I'M NOT PITIABLE.

THEY SAY IT'S BECAUSE I'M A "POOR KID "

IT'S ALWAYS LIKE THIS THEY DO ANYTHING I ASK THEM.

THE TRUTH IS, HE WAS BORN WITH AN ILLNESS THAT DOESN'T LEAVE HIM MUCH LONGER TO LIVE.

CALL IT PARENTS' EGOISM, BUT WE WANT TO GIVE HIM ALL THE THINGS WE CAN THAT MAKE HIM HAPPY.

THIS CHILD IS VERY EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED TO HER.

HE SAYS HE WANTS TO STAY THE NIGHT WITH HER AND WOULDN'T LISTEN TO REASON.

"ABOUT YOUR WIFE, MRS MAMIYA."

He... knows about his physical condition...

BUT CHIWA WAS DIFFERENT

"WE'RE TERRIBLY SORRY TO INTRUDE ON YOUR PERSONAL TIME AS HUSBAND AND WIFE, BUT..."

I KNOW, BUT I...

I KNOW THAT'S THE REASON PAPA AND MAMA LISTEN TO EVERYTHING I SAY.

SHE DIDN'T SAY I WAS TO BE PITIED.

THAT'S YOUR REASON FOR LIKING CHIWA AS MUCH AS YOU DO?

IS THAT REALLY ALL? ONLY THAT?

That's because I didn't tell her about it...

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT VERY WELL.

FOR SOME REASON,

I DON'T KNOW WHAT, I LOVE HER VERY MUCH.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, UNCLE?

..

ISN'T THERE SOME GIRL YOU LIKE IN YOUR CLASS?

I DON'T GO TO SCHOOL VERY MUCH

AND THEY DIDN'T SEND ME TO KINDERGARTEN EITHER.

THAT'S THE SAME AS ME...

And you call your self a husband

THAT'S WHY I UNDERSTAND WHAT YOU'RE SAYING

LET'S SEE

THERE ARE A LOT OF REASONS I FELL IN LOVE WITH HER.

BUT MAYBE THERE AREN'T ANY REASONS THAT I COULD PUT INTO WORDS

BY THE TIME I REALIZED IT, I WAS ALREADY HEAD OVER HEELS.

THEN CHIWA IS YOUR FIRST LOVE.

THE SAME AS ME

HMM.

IF WE'RE THAT MUCH THE SAME, THEN IF I WAS AN ADULT NOW,

MAYBE I WOULD HAVE BEEN THE ONE MARRIED TO CHIWA NOW.

WHAT?! WHY WOULD YOU THINK THAT?!

SHE'S MINE!

!

YOU'RE SUCH A CHILD, UNCLE, REALLY.

I SAID MAYBE!

Chatter

Chatter

...

SOME-
HOW .

THE TWO
OF YOU ..

.. HAVE
STARTED
TO GET
ALONG?

IT
MIGHT BE
MY IMAGI-
NATION,
BUT...

WHEN I
LOOK AT
YOU NEXT
TO EACH
OTHER .

REALLY?

NOT
REALLY

MUST
BE YOUR
IMAGINA-
TION.

YEAH

Imagination.

.. YOU
LOOK LIKE
A FATHER
AND SON.

FATHER AND SON?!

ME AND THAT TERRIBLE OLD MAN - RELATED?! YOU'RE HORRI-BLE, CHIWA!

Jump

DON'T EVEN JOKE ABOUT IT! ME AND THAT DAMNED BRAT?! NO WAY!

Eh?

Eh?

Waaah!

NO, DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT.

FORTUNATELY, I THINK THIS BOY WILL BRING BACK SOME VERY GOOD MEMORIES

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR LISTENING TO OUR SELFISH REQUEST.

WE HAD FUN, TOO! REALLY

What can we do to repay you?

HM?

I WANT TO SEE YOU AGAIN

CHIWA.

I GAVE YOU MY CONTACT INFO, RIGHT?

AH! HOW ABOUT COMING TO THIS CRUISE NEXT YEAR, TOO?

...

WE CAN MEET.

ALL RIGHT!

NEXT YEAR.

I'LL BE BIGGER THEN, TOO.

PAPA, MAMA,

I WILL...

SURE! THAT'S THE SPIRIT I'LL COME, TOO!

COME TO THIS SHIP AGAIN NEXT YEAR!

MAKE RESERVA-TIONS, ALL RIGHT?

AH..

OLD MAN!

I SEE..

MAY WE JOIN YOUR CRUISE AGAIN NEXT YEAR, MAMIYA-SAN?

I'LL COME AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

"Old man"..!

?

TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER UNTIL THEN.

I'LL BE WAITING.

AT FIRST I WASN'T SURE HOW THIS WOULD PLAY OUT.

BUT WHEN IT CAME TO SAYING GOODBYE I WAS REALLY SAD

WELL, I SUPPOSE IT WAS WORTH PLAYING HORSIE.

THAT'S RIGHT.

IS THAT SO?

BUT IT'S NICE YOU GOT THREE PASSENGERS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CRUISE, RIGHT?

EH?

GIVE ME THE LUGGAGE.

I'M GOING HOME AHEAD OF YOU.

THEN,

SEE YOU AGAIN LATER!

YOU'RE GOING TO THE COM-PANY NOW, RIGHT?

"TAKE GOOD CARE OF HER."

"UNTIL NEXT YEAR."

BESIDES, TODAY IS CHRISTMAS

LET'S HAVE SOME FUN.

I'M NOT GOING TODAY

HOKUTO?!

EH?

NOBODY HAS A GUARAN-TEE THAT TOMORROW WILL COME FOR THEM.

EH?! IS THAT ALL RIGHT?!

We'll take all of these

I was joking

Presents

THESE PRESENTS ARE SO MANY

IT'S ALRIGHT TO DO THIS FROM TIME TO TIME

AH

WHEN I LOOK AT THE MIRROR THIS

WHY?

DON'T YOU ENJOY IT?

THAT'S NOT THE PROBLEM

BECAUSE I WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE IT ANYMORE

OF COURSE I DO!

BUT

DON'T DO THIS AGAIN

SELFISH
WITH YOU
WON'T TO

IF I
GET USED
TO BEING
SPOILED

I'M
SURE
I...
START
BEING

COME

I'LL
SPOIL YOU
TO YOUR
HEART'S
CONTENT
TONIGHT

The shoulders

The hair

The whole body

The arms and the legs

As if Sakura's all

Tears

I JUST ..

LOVE YOU, HOKUTO..

WHY ARE YOU CRYING?

drop

drop

drop

I DON'T KNOW...

HOKUTO.

I LOVE YOU.

I'M HAPPY...

...JUST BEING WITH YOU.

My wish is simple, but very extravagant.

I want my everyday life with Hokuto in it to continue from tomorrow on, too.

BY THE WAY,

HOW ABOUT WE TRY INCREASING OUR FAMILY BY ONE MEMBER?

EH? DO YOU MEAN SOU-CHAN?

I want the miracle of being loved by the person I love to never end.

AREN'T YOU READY YET?

ENOUGH I MEAN NO YOU HERE!

WAH! I'M SORRY!

DOES ANYTHING LOOK OUT OF PLACE ON ME?

YOU'RE FINE

REALLY? IF I SHOW A WEAKNESS BEFORE THE MAMIYA PEOPLE

THEY MIGHT SAY SOMETHING BAD TO YOU AGAIN WORRIED —

I'm sending my wish to the stars

THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY IS CANCELED.

Am I really all right?

WHAT?

CHIWA.

EH?!

HE IS..

..

MY FATHER IS DYING.

Eh?

<34th Step Is there "someone" in our future?> "The End"

Hello, dear? I'm not sure how it happened, but
Souta's medical examinations have become much better!
I cannot die just yet!
I'll pummel that old man into the ground next year!

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PHOENIX DOWN!!! My inner shota-con has been revived!!! XDD

- Lacaille

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35th Step
Is this the end?
Or the beginning?

Dying...?

His father...?

HOW WOULD I KNOW?!

LET'S GO.

HE MIGHT STILL GET BETTER, RIGHT..?

BECAUSE IT'S SO SUDDEN... TOO SUD-DEN...

I SEE.

BUT, IT MIGHT BE LIKE LAST TIME...

EH...

TO THE HOSPI-TAL.

I CAN'T IGNORE THIS NOW THAT I'VE BEEN CONTACTED. COME ON.

!

Cold...

Your hand...

It's cold, Hokuto...

WE WON'T TAKE THE CAR.

WE'LL GO BY TAXI.

I know what "dying" means.

The time to go has come.

The truth is, I know.

VROOM

step

step

But don't die just yet, father-in-law.

You haven't said anything about Hokuto's mother...

...and of Hokuto...!

AH...

HOKUTO-KUN,

CHIWA-SAN.

I WANT TO FINISH THIS IN OUR GENERATION.

REALLY.

NO

I'M SORRY, I ASKED MY FATHER SEVERAL TIMES,

BUT HE SAID NOT CALLING YOU AT SUCH A TIME IS TOO PITIFUL...

Sob

GO TO HIM HURRY.

HE REGAINED CONSCIOUSNESS TO SOME DEGREE A WHILE AGO.

hug

KNOCK KNOCK

Grandfather...

I'm afraid of the opening of the door.

I'm scared.

slide

beep

beep

Father-in-law

beep

beep

ARE YOU HIS SON?

HE RETURNED TO CONSCIOUSNESS A WHILE AGO, WHEN HIS FATHER WAS HERE, BUT...

Father-in-law

IT'S ME, CHIWA.

beep

MAMIYA-SAN!

IT'S YOUR SON CAN YOU UNDERSTAND ME?

FA-
THER...

"Why won't you answer me?!"

"Grandma!"

Lean

ugh

Put

GO OUT

STAY WITH GRANDFA-THER

I'M FINE.

BUT HOUJTO, YOU—

I'M FINE

CALL ME IF ANY-THING HAPPENS.

Hokuto...

beep

beep

beep

beep

.....

FATHER.

beep

beep

I'M GOING TO BRING THE FAMILY!

AH NO...

MAMIYA-SAN?!

DO YOU RECOGNIZE HIM?!

WHAT

YOU CAME

I JUST...

..DREAMED OF YOUKO

IT'S FINE... THE TWO OF US...

YOU ..

.RESEMBLE YOUKO A LOT

I'VE ALWAYS..

THOUGHT ABOUT IT, BUT I NEVER TOLD YOU.

LONG BEFORE YOU WERE BORN .

I ASKED HER TO DATE ME..

beep

EH?

beep

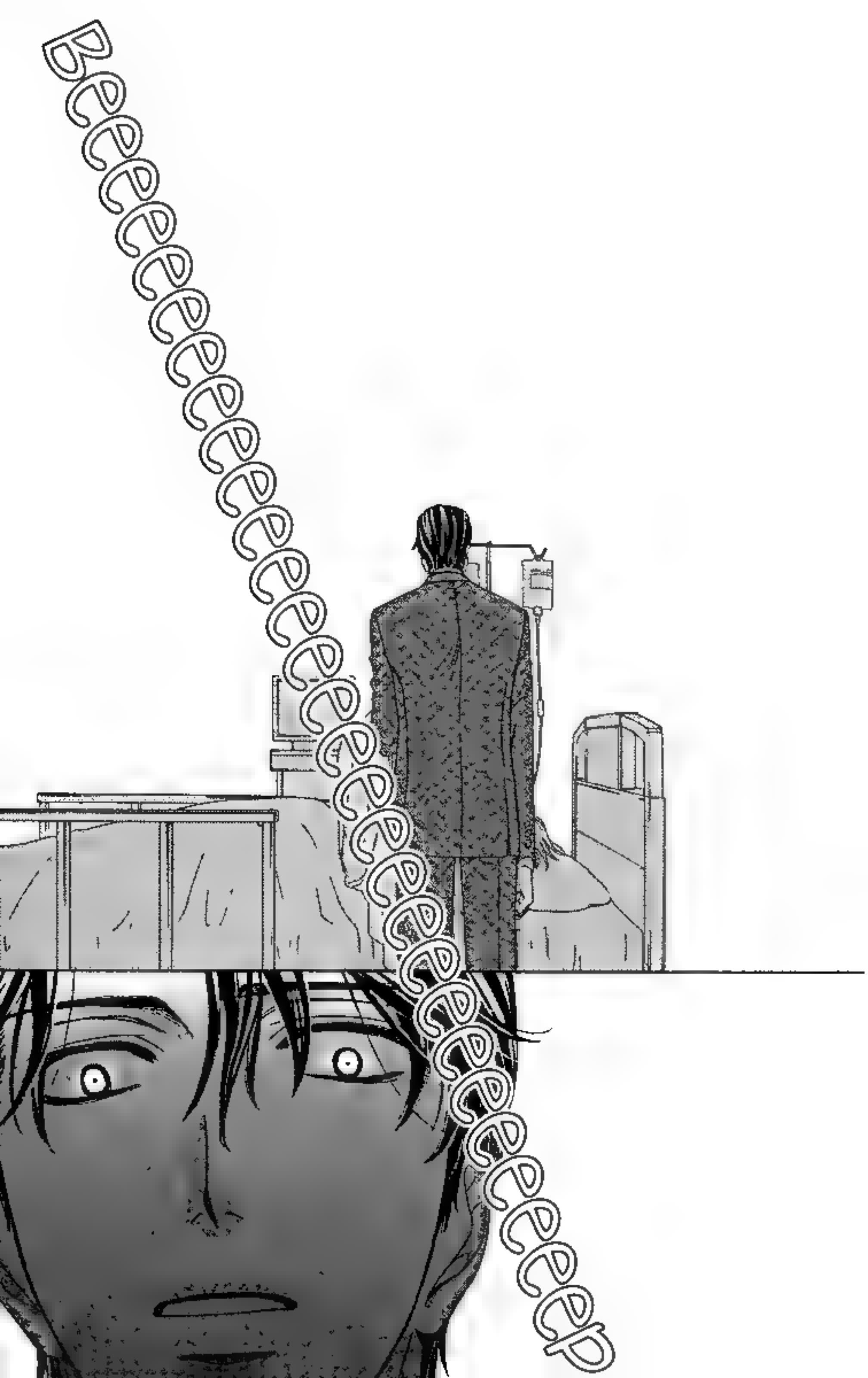
THAT'S WHY,

I WAS HAPPY WHEN YOU CAME TO THE HOUSE.

FATHER——

beep

beep



1 25 IN THE AFTER- NOON.

..

LET THE RELATIVES KNOW..

...

HOKUTO.

!!!

I WISH I HAD STAYED IN THE HOSPITAL ROOM

drip

I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD HAPPEN SO QUICKLY...

drip

I...
I...

YES.

IT WAS ALL TOO SOON.

Hokuto...

..didn't say a word more after that.

Mamiya Seii * Funeral

The preparations for the funeral were so hurried that there was no time to grieve.

Hokuto was appointed Chief Mourner, but almost all arrangements were made by Souma-san.

SHITARA-SAN IS NOT COMING IT MUST BE TOUGH FOR HER TO COME

EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE ON PRETTY GOOD TERMS WHILE HE WAS ALIVE

ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, CHIWA-SAN?

EH?

YOU DON'T LOOK SO WELL. ARE YOU SLEEPING ENOUGH?

I'M ALL RIGHT. RATHER THAN ME...

But if it's just grief, we can still console him.

The one I don't know what to do about is...

"I was prepared for it, and yet!"

I'M WORRIED ABOUT GRANDFATHER...

AH!

THERE YOU ARE, HOKUTO.

IS IT ALL RIGHT FOR THE CHIEF MOURNER TO TAKE IT EASY AT A PLACE LIKE THIS?

I'M JUST TAKING A BREAK. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

YOU'RE DOING A LOT FOR THIS.

I MEAN,

AND YOU?

YOU KNOW,

That's the first time he's said that.

THANK YOU

YOU WERE CRYING THE WHOLE TIME, NOT ONLY WHEN HE DIED, BUT DURING THE FUNERAL, TOO.

SO YOU'RE SAD, AFTER ALL?

EVEN THOUGH YOURS WASN'T EVEN A LONG ACQUAIN-TANCE?

AT SUCH TIMES, IT'S A REALLY GREAT HELP TO HAVE A WIFE.

I SEE...

...about you, Hokuto.

Your father told me...

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

IT'S BECAUSE HE'S YOUR FATHER, HOKUTO!

And you, Hokuto?

Aren't you at least a little bit sad?

Since then, you've become even more silent and the expressions on your face, even fewer

Isn't your heart flustered at least a little?

I can't ask you, but...

...it seems to me you're holding out something from me.

ALL RIGHT,

LET'S GO BACK, SHALL WE?

Hey, Hokuto.

I don't understand what's going on in your heart...

DEALING WITH THE ARTICLES OF THE DE-CEASED?

YES

GRAMPS TOLD ME ABOUT IT IN A HURRY, VIA SOUMA.

But...

...the old Hokuto wouldn't have minded doing this.

..IT LOOKS LIKE NEITHER SOUMA NOR THE OLD MAN WILL SHUT UP UNLESS I TAKE A LOOK FIRST

I ACTUALLY WANTED TO LEAVE THIS TO THE PROFES-SIONALS, BUT.

creak

Coming in~

SLAM

IT'S UNEX-PECTEDLY SNUG AND NEAT.

HE WAS ALMOST NEVER IN JAPAN, BESIDES,

HE WAS SINGLE AFTER HIS DIVORCE.

Tidy—

YES, SO MUCH THAT IT'S HARD TO BELIEVE THAT...

HE'S RELATED TO A CERTAIN SOMEONE...

EVEN SO, THERE VERY FEW ARTICLES TO "DEAL" WITH

plop

plop

HE LEFT EVERY-THING TIDY.

I THINK A CLEANING LADY CAME HERE BEFORE US.

LOOKS LIKE THAT'S NOT HEREDITARY.

AH!

Oh, no

SORRY ABOUT THAT

HE DIDN'T GET MAD...

LET'S GET STARTED ALREADY

HM? IS THIS A STUDY?

Sorry to in-trude-

click

EH...

ALL RIGHT.

MUST BE SOME PASS-BOOKS AND PROPERTY DEEDS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS ANYWAY

MAY I OPEN THIS BIG SAFE, THEN?

FOURTH YEAR, CLASS 3, MAMIYA HOKUTO.

SOCIAL SCIENCE: 28 PER-CENT.

Eh?

WHY—

WAH!

WHA-

WHA-

WHAT'S THAT?!

♫

WHY DON'T YOU TAKE A LOOK?

AH, AMAZING, LOOK AT THIS ARTS AND CRAFTS PROJECT!

HEY...

MAY I HAVE THESE?

COMPO-SITION!

I'LL MAKE SO MUCH FUN OF YOU OVER THIS ONE!

hehehehe!

My dreams of the future

...

ISN'T IT FUNNY?

I WANT TO TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT THESE LATER.

I'M TELLING YOU TO THROW THEM OUT.

AH, LOOK!

EH?

WHAT ARE YOU SAYING? THAT'S TRASH.

NO!

WHAT'S WRONG WITH KEEPING THESE?!

THESE ARE YOUR FATHER'S FEELINGS!

HE TREA-SURED YOU SO,

SO VERY MUCH, HOKUTO!

SLAM!

"You resemble...

...Youko a lot."

I DON'T.

THEN,

YOU HAVE FORGIVEN HIM?

DO YOU STILL HATE HIM?

FORGIVE-NESS, HATE, THESE ARE...

EVEN IF YOU BRING THOSE UP, HE'S AL-READY DEAD.

FATHER'S TIME HAS STOPPED.

NOTHING WILL CHANGE FOR HIM FROM NOW ON

AND HE TREA-SURED ME?

DO YOU THINK THAT HE CAN PASS THIS ON NOW?

I'M THE SAME.

I SHOULD HAVE ASKED HIM DIRECTLY LONG AGO. WITHOUT GOING THROUGH ALL THOSE ROUNDABOUT WAYS.

HE NEATLY LOCKED THESE IN A SAFE.

THEY COULD NEVER BE FOUND UNTIL SOMETHING LIKE THIS HAPPENED

IN THE END, IT ALL CAME DOWN TO ACTING LIKE SPOILED CHIL-DREN, BOTH MY FATHER AND ME

UNLIKE MANY COMICS FATHER AND SON

THAT IS WHAT WE ARE

WE BONDED TOO MUCH ON THE BASICS OF BLOOD TO MAKE US UNDERSTAND AND FAR OTHER ONE DAY

WE BECAME SO MUCH IT BECAME TOO MUCH

HOKU-TO

SO

...

SORRY, BUT I'M NOT REALLY DE-PRESSED.

EH?

AH, YES, I DID—

DID YOU JUST THINK OF TRYING TO CON-SOLE ME?!

JUMP

H-HEY, SO IN THE END,

MAY I HAVE THESE...?

...

What's with him?

NOW, LET'S GO ON!

WE HAVE TO GET THIS OVER WITH BY SUNDOWN!

DO AS YOU LIKE.

AHH, FATHER-IN-LAW IS CRYING

YEAH WE'LL LEAVE EVERYTHING ELSE TO THE PROFESSIONALS

IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT TO TAKE JUST THIS?

"FOURTH GRADE, CLASS 3, MAMIYA HOKUTO.

MY DREAM OF THE FUTURE IS TO INHERIT MY FATHER'S COMPANY." YOU'RE THE KID WHO WROTE THIS.

ON SECOND THOUGHT, THROW OUT THAT STUFF.

BUT MAYBE IT'S BETTER TO TAKE SOME MORE MEMENTOS

BUT,

EVEN SO, YOU REALLY HAVE NO ARTISTIC TALENTS, HOKUTO!

HA HA HA

THESE ARE PRECIOUS RECORDS OF A HOKUTO I KNOW NOTHING ABOUT

I MUST TREASURE THEM

BECAUSE I'M THE ONLY PERSON WHO HAS THEM NOW...

NEXT TIME YOU GO TO YOUR PAR-ENTS' HOME, BRING ME STUFF FROM YOUR CHILD-HOOD!

EH?

Stuff?

IT PISSES ME OFF TO BE THE ONLY LAUGHING STOCK.

IT'S NOT FAIR.

NOT FAIR?

BECAUSE I HAVE YOU.

FROM NOW ON, WE'LL MAKE MANY MORE MEMORIES TOGETHER.

To Chiwa-san

IT'S A LETTER ADDRESSED TO YOU, MADAM.

THE TRUTH IS,

SEIJI-SAMA LEFT ME THIS WHILE HE WAS ALIVE.

EH. A LETTER FOR ME?

NOT TO HOKU-TO?

YES, THAT'S RIGHT. I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT VERY WELL, EITHER...

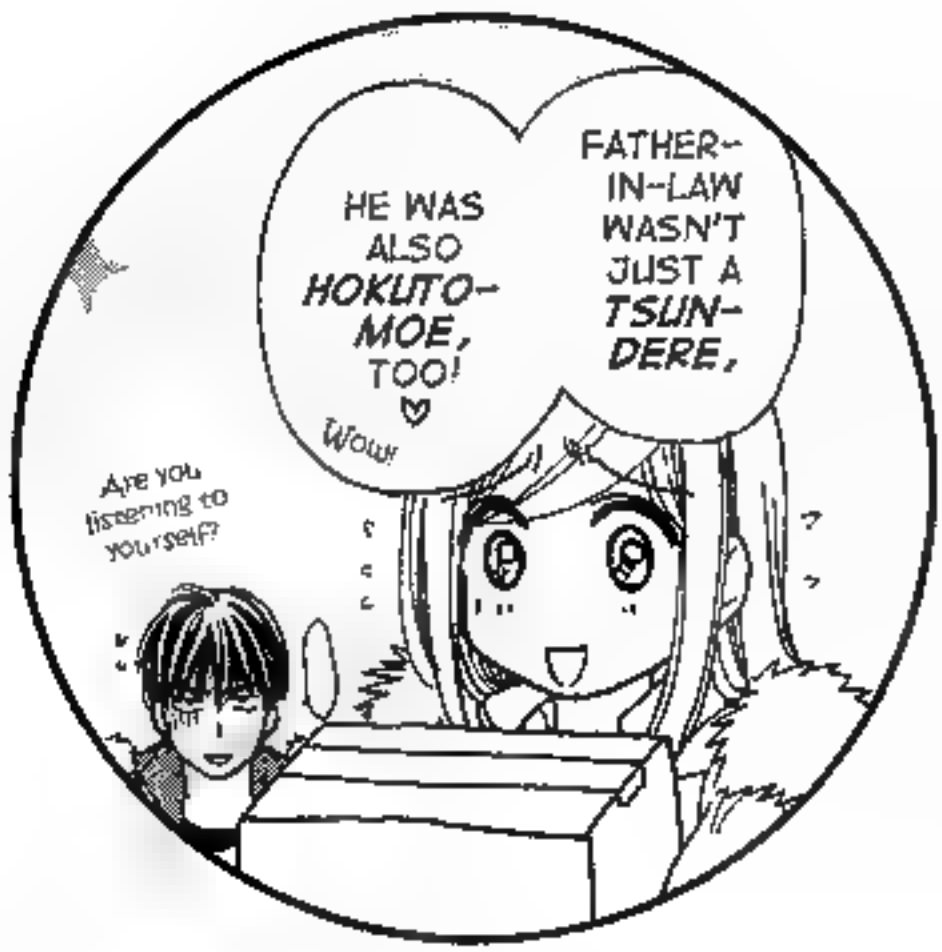
HE TOLD ME TO PASS IT ON WHEN THE FU-NERAL IS OVER AND THINGS HAVE CALMED DOWN.

A POST-HUMOUS LETTER ? FOR ME ?

EH? THAT'S REALLY MY NAME HERE .

BUT I PASSED IT ON.

THAT'S ALL I CAME FOR, SO IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME.


FATHER-IN-LAW WASN'T JUST A TSUN-DERE,
HE WAS ALSO HOKUTO-MOE, TOO!
Wow!
Are you listening to yourself?

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"I want that box of Hokuto Blackmail Material too!!"

- Lacaille

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36th Step
What can I
do?

That was the opening of the posthumous letter addressed to me that I received after father-in-law's death.

The content confirmed that all the things I had vaguely sensed were true.

"FORGIVE MY SELFISHNESS FOR UNLOADING ALL OF THIS TO YOU!"

downpour

SHOCK

WELCOME BACK! DID YOU FINISH WHAT YOU HAD TO DO?

YEAH

COLD!

AND IT WAS SUCH CLEAR WEATHER THIS AFTERNOON!

DID ANYTHING HAPPEN DURING THE DAY?

NOTHING

Even I can't tell him.

I will never tell him.

This is something that should not be known.

AH,

KEEP IN MIND THAT WE'LL BE GOING TO THE CENTRAL MAMIYA HOUSE SOON

That person is still in Mamiya, right?

What should I do..?

Maybe...

the mastermind from 20 years ago will be there...?

DON'T HUMBLE YOURSELF TOO MUCH. THERE'LL BE NO NEED TO.

EH?

THE NEW YEAR'S PARTY WAS CANCELED, RIGHT?

WE'LL HAVE A FAMILY MEETING INSTEAD.

New Year

YOU LOOK SICK.

I must—

NO! IF YOU MOVE YOUR HAND THIS WAY, YOU'LL FEEL—

WHEN I DO THIS, I DON'T NEED AN AIR CONDITIONER.

HN?

hey!

KISS

YOU'RE WARM.

Grope

IT'S JUST YOUR IMAGINATION!

I'M FINE!

ALL RIGHT THEN

WAH!

WAH!

EH?

WHAT?

IT'S NOT EVEN DINNER TIME YET.

But I didn't want

to keep secrets from Hokuto ever again...

All right?

SHOULD WE GO INTO THE BEDROOM FIRST?

OR SOME-THING?

SOME-HOW,

YOU'RE NOT...

ALL HERE

NO RESPONSE AT ALL.

ARE YOU ILL, AFTER ALL?

Suspended

THUMP

EH?! ME?! REALLY?!

letter is bothering me...

T-THAT FELT REALLY GOOD, IT DID.

I ALREADY DID IT SEVERAL TIMES, THANKS FOR NOTICING

!

I-I-I-I'M SORRY!

O-O-O-ONCE MORE...?

YOU DON'T HAVE TO PUSH YOURSELF

Doesn't bother me

IF YOU'RE REALLY FEELING ILL... AH!

MAYBE YOU'RE

PREGNANT?

EH?!

I didn't think it'd come out like that...

IT'S . NOT THE TIME OF THE MONTH WHEN I'D KNOW, YET .

HMPF ...

THEY SAY WOMEN FEEL ILL WHEN THEY BECOME PREG-NANT.

fidget

fidget

THE TOURISM BRANCH OF THE COMPANY THAT USED TO BE A SOURCE OF CONCERN AND FINANCIAL LOSS

HAS BEEN IMPROVING ITS CONDITION VISIBLY UNDER HOKUTO-KUN'S MANAGEMENT

THE FORECASTS ARE THAT IT WILL BE OUT OF THE RED DURING THIS SEASON.

nod

IS THAT TRUE?

AND YOU DIDN'T TELL ME SUCH AN IMPORTANT THING!

Simply forgot

Sorry

THIS ACHIEVEMENT IS SO GREAT THAT IT CANNOT BE OVERLOOKED.

NOW TO THE POINT. THE CANDIDATES FOR THE NEXT CHAIRMAN WERE LIMITED TO TWO.

IN VIEW OF THIS RECENT SUCCESS, THE APPOINTMENT FOR NEXT CHAIRMAN WILL GO TO HOKUT—

chatter

chatter

WAIT A MOMENT!

The atmosphere changed in a heartbeat. It's enemies on all sides now.

YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING!

THAT'S

IT'S NOT EVEN CERTAIN THAT HE REALLY IS RELATED TO US

THAT MEANS

WE'LL HAVE TO WORK SOMEWHERE BELOW HIM!

WELL... YES. SUCH WERE THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT, REMEMBER?

..!

THAT'S FINE WITH ME.

YOU'RE NOT A HUMAN RESOURCE VALUABLE ENOUGH FOR ME TO BOW MY HEAD TO YOU.

IF YOU DON'T WANT TO WORK UNDER ME, AND YOU CAN'T DEFEAT ME, THEN LEAVE THE GROUP. I DON'T MIND

YOU .!

HOKUTO-KUN .. I ADMIT THAT YOU HAVE GREAT PRACTICAL SKILLS

STOP IT, BOTH OF YOU.

BUT...

CAN'T YOU DO SOMETHING ABOUT YOUR ATTITUDE OF ALWAYS ATTACKING YOUR COUSINS?

Ahh...

This is no good.

He's just a decoration

I WILL BE MORE CAREFUL IN THE FUTURE.

sigh

everyone starts to look like Hokuto's enemy.

in such a swirling whirlpool of ill will..

I thought I'd be able to recognize the ringleader from twenty years ago, but..

IT'S ALMOST
GROWN THAT
I'LL BECOME
HUMAN.
DON'T YOU
HAVE ANY
THOUGHTS
ON THIS?
YOU PUT IT
SO BADLY!

I can't tell him the truth, but...

I... I'M WORRIED

WORRIED?

WHAT IN THE WORLD ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT?

YOU'VE BEEN STRANGE FOR SOME TIME NOW

I THOUGHT THEY'D STOOP TO BULLYING BORDERING ON CRIMINAL ACTS...

LIKE THE MAN WHO KIDNAPPED ME BEFORE

THOSE PEOPLE'S EYES WERE TERRIFYING WHEN THEY WERE WATCHING YOU HOW TO

IF THEY DID ANYTHING AFTER THAT PRECEDENT,

IT'LL BE OBVIOUS TO EVERYONE THAT THEY DID IT

DON'T YOU SEE? THAT IDIOT KYOUICHI ALREADY TRIED IT ONCE

IT'S TRUE THEY AREN'T THE SMARTEST PEOPLE IN THE SHIP.

BUT EVEN THEY'RE NOT AS STUPID AS YOU ARE NOW

THAT YOU'RE WORRIED.

I'M HONESTLY GRATEFUL

WELL, BUT

NONE OF THEM ARE STRONG-SPIRITED ENOUGH

AND NEXT TIME GRANDPA WON'T KEEP SILENT IF THEY DON'T HAVE MAMIYA'S BACKUP THEY HAVE NOTHING

My worries

what can I

when push comes to the shove

Even if I want to protect Hokuto from the past

I'LL BE FINE

I'll bring you fresh clothes and meals, so take care of yourself.

I knew it, it has come to this...

IS THAT SO ?

LET ME KNOW IF THERE'S SOMETHING I CAN DO

More or less, its all within the limits of what I expected.

Something like this is no big deal.

Will this continue until he is officially and formally appointed next Chairman?

MAMIYA -SAN,

THERE'S A DELIVERY FOR YOU!

...no matter what great practical results he achieved.

There are people who will never ever accept Hokuto...

rustle

I WONDER WHAT IT IS

ANO- THER LETTER

STAY AWAY FROM MAMIYA HOKUTO,
OR ELSE YOUR FATHER'S SAFETY
IS NOT GUARANTEED.

EH?

WHAT IS IT, MAMIYA?

!

Clash

EH ?

STOPPP!

ba-thump!

EHH?!

DASH

Why?!

Father!

OH...

HEY, MAMIYA?!

Nothing!
Nothing!

He has nothing to do with this!

Father,

please,
be safe.

BA

FATHER!

FA-

NG

drip

drip

JUST FOR THE RECORD,

YOUR DADDY IS NOT TRUST-WORTHY.

drip

NO

drip

NOTHING OF THE SORT...

WHA- WHAT IS IT?

DOES SOMETHING HURT?

!?

YES?!

YOU HAD A BIG FIGHT WITH YOUR HUSBAND, RIGHT? I GET THAT.

BUT RUNNING CRYING TO YOUR DADDY IS NO GOOD.

nod

nod

EH... NO. .

YES, DADDY CANNOT DO ANYTHING AT ALL!

EHM

WAIT A MOMENT

NO MATTER WHAT A BIG FIGHT YOU'VE HAD,

YOU HAVE TO TALK IT OVER WITH HIM AND OVERCOME IT.

BECAUSE YOU ARE FAMILY NOW.

Although I cannot tell how of his father's last letter...

I have to pay for us with letters about this threat

Struggling with this on my own is no good

EVEN IF I DON'T LIKE SPEAKING TO YOU (FROM ME), I WOULD STILL RECOMMEND CHECKING, BECAUSE LESS OF THIS

I UNDERSTAND ALL TYPES OF ATTEMPTS ON ME IN ORDER TO DISTANCE ME FROM THE CHECHEN POST

BUT WHAT'S THE ABOUT OF DOING ANYTHING TO YOU?

NO. .

WELL, I UNDERSTAND YOU FOR DOUBTING HER, THOUGH.

IT CAN'T BE HER NOW, I UNDER-STAND .

AH!

SORRY!

Can of worms

. . .

IF THERE'S NOTHING YOU'VE DONE TO EARN SOMEONE'S HATRED

M-MAYBE SHITARA-SAN AGAIN..?

IT MIGHT BE SAFE, BUT HOW MUCH ARE BODYGUARDS' FEES?

ugh...

ANYWAY, LEAVING THINGS LIKE THIS IS UN-SETTLING.

I'LL PUT BODYGUARDS ON YOUR FATHER OR SOMETHING, JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE.

WELL, NOT ENOUGH TO BE WORRIED OVER

LET'S GO TO SLEEP.

...

Expensive, right?

. . .

ONE MORE USELESS THING

I'LL RAPE YOU

I'M SORRY

.. EVEN THOUGH I UNDERSTAND THIS IS THE BEST CHOICE...

...JUST A WHILE AGO I WAS SAYING THAT I WON'T GET IN YOUR WAY ANYMORE.

JUST TO STAY WITH YOU, HOKUTO.

BUT NOW I'M READY TO USE YOUR GOODWILL OR WHATEVER...

Cuddle

GOOD NIGHT!

I JUST REALIZED I HAD CHANGED, TOO

THAT'S ALL!

IS NOW
WERE ATTACHED
TO ME AND SHOUT
"I DON'T WANT
TO PART, I DON'T
WANT TO PART!"
THE FIGHT
THAT USED
TO BURN
ALL THE TIME

BUT...

THE ONE WHO WAS NOT LOST IS ALSO SOMEONE'S PAST

...IS ME.

THE ONE WHO DIDN'T WANT TO LOSE SO NO MATTER THE COST

...IS ME.

IT'S NOT JUST YOU.

—Hokuto...

YOU SPLASHED ME WITH WHISKEY AND WATER AND THREW IN YOUR RESIGNATION.

DON'T YOU REMEMBER?

I did!

DID I REALLY BARK THAT MUCH?

HEY, BY THE WAY,

HOW RUDE! I'M JUST VERY HORNY.

WELL, NOW YOU'RE BARKING IN ANOTHER WAY.

YOU'RE UNEXPECTEDLY RESENTFUL, HOKUTO!

AHHHH!

GO TO SLEEP.

NO MATTER HOW YOU CHANGE, I DON'T MIND

AS LONG AS DEEP DOWN INSIDE

...YOU LOVE ME.

I did what Hokuto said and we arranged a bodyguard for father

I'll be in your corner

Father, being who he is, was surprised, but...

Even if we did this much

I still don't want to give in to threats and do what they told me to.

SO THAT'S HOW IT FEELS TO HAVE YOUR LIFE THREATENED

I THOUGHT THAT ONLY HAPPENED IN MOVIES AND DRAMAS

Ah!

That's...!

EXCUSE ME!

WHAT .

...DO YOU WANT?

...

EHM ...

MAY I HAVE A MOMENT .?

I called out to her without thinking.

I'M NOT BEHIND THIS.

I'M SORRY FOR NOT LIVING UP TO YOUR EXPECTA-TIONS.

NO, EHM...

I SEE...

THAT'S...

...for some reason, I believed her

THERE PROBABLY IS SOMEONE TO WHOM YOU ARE VERY INCONVENIENT, KNOWING WHAT YOU KNOW

I have no proof, but...

I DON'T THINK YOU'LL BELIEVE MY WORD, BUT I HAVE NO INTENTION OF GETTING INVOLVED WITH YOU TWO ANYMORE

EH?

YOU THINK THAT HOKUTO'S MOTHER DIED PROTECTING HOKUTO, CORRECT?

WHA...

HOW DO YOU KNOW THAT?!

I OVERHEARD YOU.

YOU SAID IT IN MAMIYA-SAN'S HOSPITAL ROOM.

...that was the only time I ever uttered my suspicions.

But...

I SUPPOSE ..

...YOUR SUSPICIONS ARE RIGHT ON THE MARK.

Ah!

Back then...

clock

THAT'S ALL.

EXCUSE ME, BUT I'LL BE LATE FOR MY SCHEDULED MEETING.

THEN HOW DO THEY KNOW...?

And of course, I haven't shown the letter from father-in-law to anyone.

creak

I'VE ALSO CONSIDERED THAT TO BE A POSSIBILITY.

BUT I DIDN'T TELL HIM, PROBABLY FOR THE SAME REASON AS YOU DIDN'T.

If what Shitara-san said is the truth...

...the one threatening me is the mastermind from twenty years ago...

Do they know I have that letter, too?

No, even more importantly...

No.1

President, we're ready

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN AGAIN?

I HAVEN'T RECEIVED ANY UNUSUAL REPORTS ABOUT YOUR FATHER.

Maybe he's not bound anymore...

...by a dark past and hatred?

BUT

...AS SOON AS POSSI-BLE.

Even if you say that, tonight will be very difficult

NO... JUST A LITTLE TIME IS FINE.

YOU WANT TO TALK?

WHAT IS IT? SO SUDDENLY?

That's why I'll be waiting right next to your company

Come out whenever you have a little time to spare

chatter

chatter

chatter

?

Well, if that's all, I can manage...

THEN I'LL BE WAITING IN THE DINER OPPOSITE THE COMPANY!

so I kept it in the office.

He could find it if I left it at home

But now that it has come to this, I can't let the sleeping dogs lie. Forgive me.

I don't want Hokuto to know this, father-in-law.

The truth is

Clack

THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

dance

dance

AH!

But the way he is now

I believe in him

RIIING

HOKUTO!

step

WHAT IS IT?

YOU SAID YOU'D BE IN THE DINER

YES,

BUT IT WAS SO NOISY THAT—

STAB

?!

GOSH

AAAAAAAAAAAAAA

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You can be my personal pet anytime, Hokuto! XD

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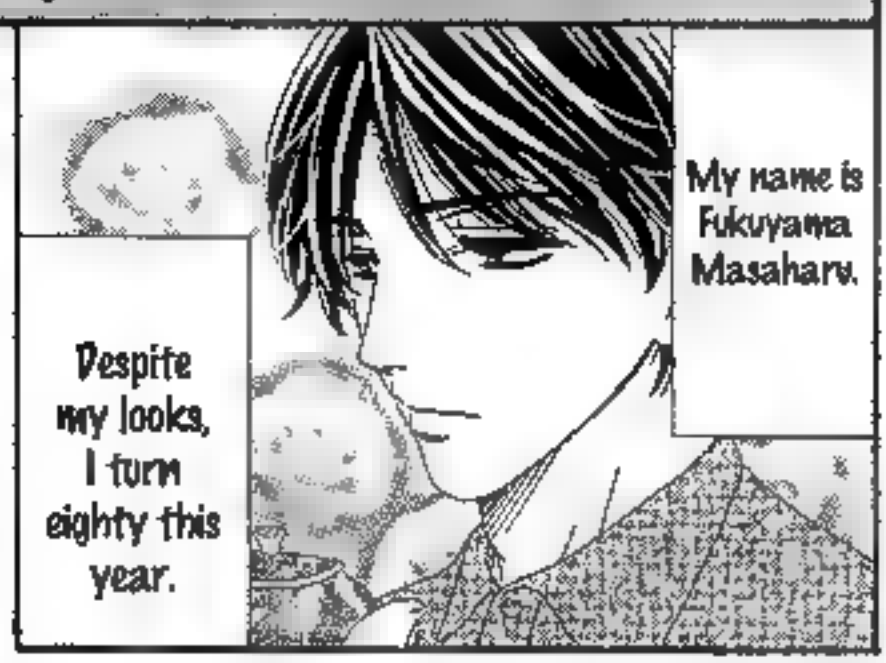
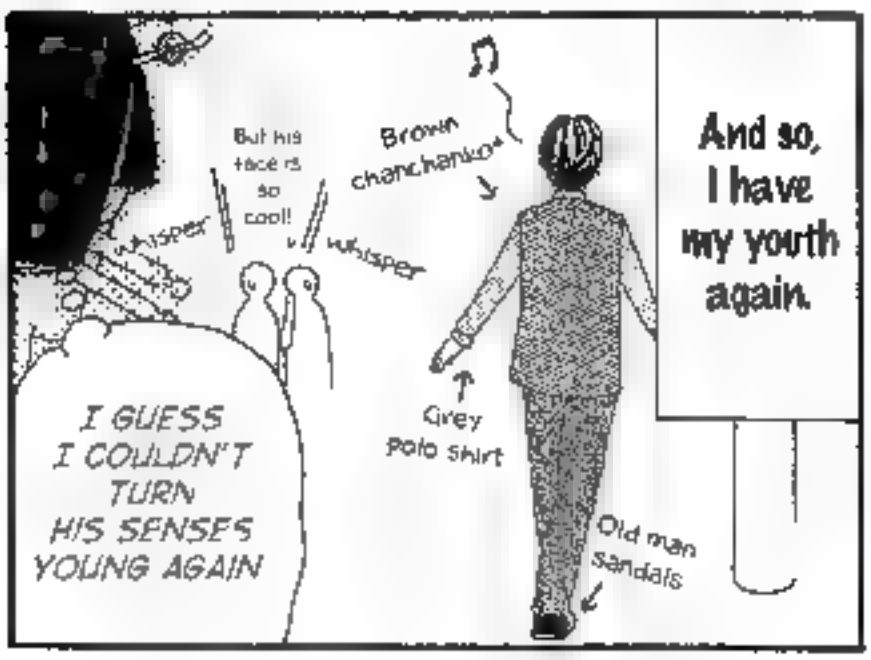
LOVE AND OLD MAN FUKUYAMA AND THE MAGIC TEAPOT

Youth again.




And so, I have my youth again.
But his face is so cool!
whisper
whisper
Brown chanchanko*
Grey polo shirt
Old man sandals
I GUESS I COULDN'T TURN HIS SENSES YOUNG AGAIN

One day, I bought a teapot from a curio shop and a spirit or something came out of it.
POOF
I-I WANT AGAIN THE YOUTH I LOST TO THE WWII!
ALL RIGHT
TELL ME YOUR WISH AND I'LL GRANT IT.

*NOTE: PADDED SLEEVELESS KIMONO JACKET VERY GRANDPA-STYLE

Wall

I MADE THIS BONSAI FOR YOU, AMI-SAN, WITH ALL MY HEART

WOULD YOU ACCEPT IT?

I started dating Ami-chan.

Immovable proof

GOOD AFTERNOON, I'M SUGA-MURA.

Kikue, my wife, passed away ten years ago, so I think it's all right to find new love.

← Nursing helper

THE BRANCHES WERE VERY TOUGH

AH, YES, YES

I LIKE HIS FACE

WAH, AMAZING, THANK YOU!

EH? AH!

Oh, no! Fukuyama?!

Ba-thump!

open

ARE YOU HIS GRAND-SON?!

AH, AMI-SAN, DO COME IN.

I MADE PLANS FOR OUR SUNDAY D-DATE .

rustle

OF COURSE, I'LL PAY FOR EVERY-THING.

WHAT IS HE SAYING?!

You're cool, but weird.

NO, NO, IT'S ME, ME.

IS HE AN INTRUDER?! SHOULD I CALL THE POLICE?!

MAYBE YOU DON'T BELIEVE IT, BUT IT'S ME IN ALL MY GLORY

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Blossom-watchin
at a tiny lake ->
visit to a small shrine
-> walk in
a flower park ->
Classic theater*

...

Where's the food?

Sorry for the insider joke

*NOTE: MIGHT LOOK FASCINATING FOR FOREIGNERS BUT IN JAPAN, ONLY OLD PEOPLE DO THAT SORT OF SCHEDULE. XD

AH REALLY

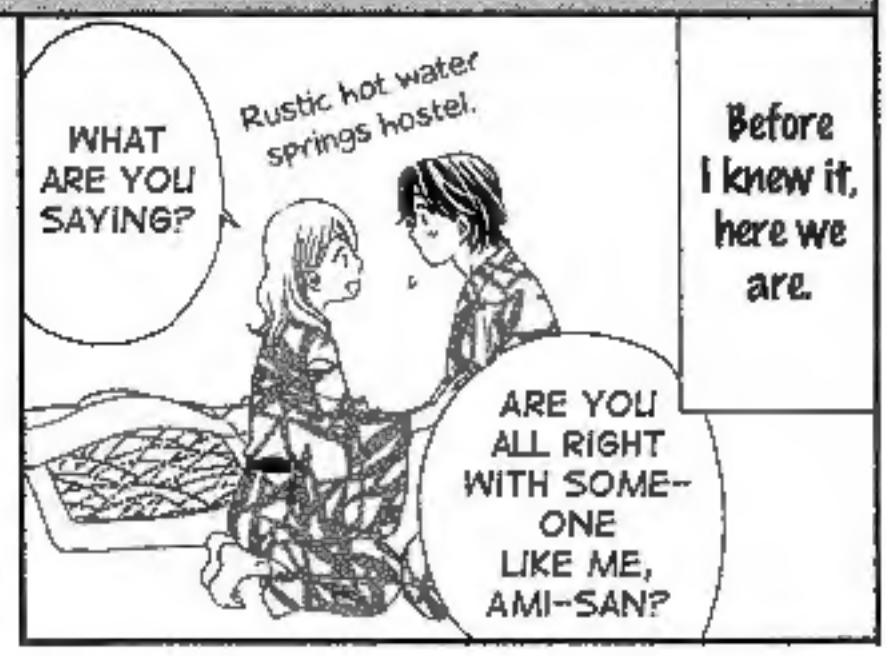
LOOK, LOOK, THE TOKUHON* AND THIS MOLE HAIR!

Finally believed him.

YOU MUST REMEMBER THEM! FROM WHEN YOU GIVE ME MY SPONGE BATHS!

*NOTE: TOKUHON IS A PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY, KNOWN FOR ITS VACCINES.

Youth's demise


WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?
Rustic hot water springs hostel.
Before I knew it, here we are.
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT WITH SOME-ONE LIKE ME, AMI-SAN?

After the ones in volume six, I was allowed again to draw my mysterious four-frame gag mangas! This is from 2007 year... old! Just like those in volume six, they were drawn for Petit Comic's four-frame gag manga special. It was published once a year, as a special feature. Next time I'll put in my works from 2008 year. ..oh!

<Love and old man Fukuyama and the magic teapot> *Petit Comic May 2007 special*

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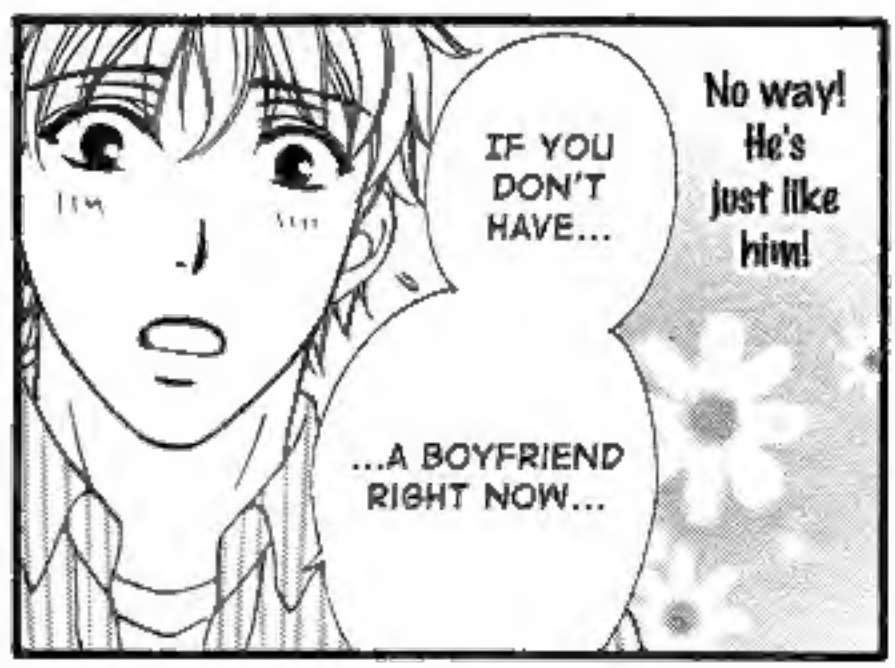
2D complex



SHE'S FUJOSHI, NO MATTER HOW CUTE SHE MAY BE.

WHY ARE YOU DATING A GIRL LIKE THAT?

Many people turn to stare when we walk together.

Kurara-san is very cute.

Cute!

S-SHE LIKES 2D JUST BE-CAUSE SHE'S A DREAMER...

ISN'T IT DISGUSTING TO ALWAYS LISTEN TO HER GO **-SAMA MOE!

SHE'S PURE, I'M SURE.

We haven't done it, yet.

Is it her body?

I feel so proud! ♡

YES.

I WANT TO DO SOME SHOPPING. OK WITH YOU?

IF THOSE TWO WERE TOGETHER,

MIKIMOTO -KUN WOULD BE THE SEME! HE'S MEGANE, TOO!

he's just like Shernar-sama!

kyah! ♡

chatter

chatter

HE LOOKS LIKE HE ENJOYS BDSM, TOO! HAHAHAHAHA!

AND SPEAK-ING OF MEGANE, IT'D DEFI-NITELY GO LIKE "I'LL PUNISH YOU!"

PURE?

I wonder...

WAIT FOR ME, ALL RIGHT!

Otome Road in Akihabara.*

Kurara-san too...

What moe!

kyah!

...was showing me off, too, right?

*NOTE: FOR MORE INFO, HERE: HTTP://EN.WIKIPEDIA.ORG/WIKI/OTOME_ROAD

IF YOU COULD TAKE JUST ONE THING TO AN UNINHABITED ISLAND, WHAT WOULD THAT BE?

I WANT YOUR PICTURE FOR MY CELLPHONE, TOMO-KUN.

MAY I?

OF COURSE.

glance

T-THAT WOULD BE KURARA.

RANDY-SAMA X SHERNAR-SAMA DOUJINSHI, I THINK.

For her phone... We're finally becoming like real lovers.

THEN PLEASE, MAKE THIS POSE NEXT.

Snap

AH! BUT THERE WOULD BE NO ELECTRICITY.

AH, BUT I'LL FINISH IT TOO QUICKLY!

EHM... EHM... HEY, TOMO-KUN, WHAT DO I DO?

EHM, MAYBE A GAME OR A PC OR A CELL-PHONE?

Mother.

Few days later

READY?

MY PICTURE OF YOU IS READY! WANNA SEE? <3

why did you give birth...

TOMO-KUN?!

TOMO-KUUUUN!

...to a 3D me?!

Am I the uke...?

I WORKED VERY HARD TO EDIT IT! <3

<2D complex> *The End*
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